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Subject: Request More benefit for Middle Class

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 Urgent Return Receipt

Dear Sir, <?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to express our opinion on the new tax reform. I am the simple middle class who are living in <?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarttags" />Hong Kong over 30 years. I have a family in Hong Kong.

We paid over HK\$100,000 tax to Hong Kong government each year but enjoy no special government benefit which is favour to middle class.

However, a large part of our tax fund goes to the 綜緩人士. We know that some of those people really need the hand from the public, but lot of them can gain several thousand dollars per month without working. They can share their time to play with their child, such as enjoy a 特價下午茶, travel, ...etc.

How came they can do nothing but can enjoy more benefit? For us, we work from 9:00 am to 8:00pm, no extra time to share with my child, parent. And our almost 1/4 – 1/5 of the income goes to tax... We also need money to take care of our parents, child, family, house.... Do you think that the existing income tax rate is fair to us?

Most of my peer group believe that the GST is the fair way to obtain tax, but we really hope that HK govt should be reduced the income tax (should be more that 5%) before starting the GST. Coz we have no more extra \$\$ to pay the GST, at that moment, I am afraid the Hong Kong will be inflected when no one shopping and spending.

Thank you for your attention.

Hong Kong
Simple Middle Class